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New, perfect goods, made up this season, and selling regularly for \$1.00, \$1.25 and \$1.50 pair. One and two clasps; one row and Paris point backs; grays, browns, blacks and tans. We secured these gloves at a special price and offer them as a big Christmas special.

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Real Kassan Cape Gloves, in medium shades of tan.

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English cut; regular & cadet fingers—Gloves that you'll not duplicate elsewhere under \$1.50. Special at Miller & Rhoads, \$1.15.

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They Are \$5.00 Values.

Gray & Brown Mixed Wool Cloth Coats, good weight. About 36 in. all, that a coat maker made up from the short pieces of high priced cloth left over in his factory.

Under ordinary circumstances we couldn't duplicate these Coats under \$5.

WHEEL WORKS HIT BY UGLY BLAZE

Virginia-North Carolina Plant in County Damaged to the Extent of \$15,000.

RIM SHED AND STABLE LOST

Detachment from City and Employees Prevent Greater Ruin. One Mule Burned to Death.

Supposed to have originated from the inevitable cigarette or a 10000 match, fire broke out in the stable of the Virginia and North Carolina Wheel Works on the Osborne Turnpike yesterday evening at 5:45 o'clock, and was not checked until it had destroyed the stable and a building known as the rim shed, entailing a loss of approximately \$15,000. It was only due to the excellent work of a detachment of the City Fire Department and volunteers, coupled with the fact that practically no wind was blowing, that the entire plant was not burned.

Mule Burned to Death.
The first blaze was seen at 5:20 o'clock in the company's stable, where three mules were quartered. The fire spread among the mules to the rim shed, and at once blew the alarm on its whistle. The employees of the works turned out at once with the private apparatus and went to work. Two of the mules were saved, but the fire spread so rapidly that it was impossible to save the other, though he had long been the pet of the establishment, and strenuous efforts were made to get him from his stall.

Despite the efforts of the crowd which had gathered, the flames spread rapidly to the rim shed, where there was stored nearly \$12,000 worth of seasonable lumber to be made into spokes and rims.

Hardly had this building caught when the firefighters saw that the fire would soon be beyond their control with their poor facilities, and an appeal was made to the city for aid.

Aid Sent From City.

Although it was more than a mile beyond the city limits, Assistant Chief Ruffo, with Engine Company No. 2, responded to the call. By spilling the department's hose with that of the company, they succeeded in getting the stream on the fire, though every vestige of the rim shed was burned up, despite the work of three improvised streams. The members of the company are well pleased that the damage was no greater.

Mr. Arthur Ryan, manager of the company, is in Georgetown, S. C., and his brother, Mr. Thomas Ryan, the secretary, was in the city when the alarm was turned in. The latter reached the scene with the rest of the volunteers, and worked with them until the fire was under control. The damage is entirely covered by insurance.

The company employs 200 people, but Mr. Ryan stated last night that none would be laid off on account of the fire. The houses will be rebuilt at once, and the company will install a modern fire-fighting equipment at once, as this is the second big fire that it has experienced in the last two years.

CLIFTON WILL COME

Flume Inspector Wires That He Will Appear After the Holidays.

Clerk Alfred H. McDowell, of the special committee on the flume investigation, received yesterday a telegram from Inspector J. C. Clifton, wanted as a witness, and who is now with an engineering expedition far from lines of communication in North Carolina. Mr. Clifton, telegraphed, stating that he could appear before the investigation committee any time after Christmas. It is probable that the inquiry will go over until after the holidays, as by that time the committee can have expert witnesses present to testify as to the value of the plans, and will also have full information as to the operation of the test flume being built as an experiment by the Committee on Water.

DINNER FOR NEWSBOYS

Associated Charities to Distribute Tickets for Event To-Morrow.

Tickets for the newsboys' Christmas dinner will be distributed to-morrow by the circulation managers of the three daily newspapers and by Dr. James Buchanan, who has in charge arrangements for the event, which will be in connection with the opening of the new gymnasium in the Associated Charities building.

The purpose of the movement to be inaugurated Friday is to band the boys together in a self-governing body on the order of the Junior Republic. A reception room, reading room and bathing pool will be added to the gymnasium feature, which in itself is unique in this city. Contributions for the Christmas festival will be received by Dr. Buchanan.

RAILROAD MAN WEDS

Texas Freight Agent Comes to Richmond for Bride.

Thomas Henry Fultz, a railway freight claim agent, located at Sweetwater, Texas, secured a Texas wedding from the court of the Hustings Court to wed Miss Nannie Temple Martin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Martin, of Richmond.

Other licenses issued yesterday from the clerk's office of the Hustings Court were to John L. Brovell and Maggie E. Hammond; George Kunst and Marie Cohn.

CLOSE FOR HOLIDAYS

County Schools and Teachers Free to January 4th—Pay Off Thursday.

At 3 o'clock to-morrow afternoon all the schools of Henrico county will close for the holidays. They will open for the second term on January 4th. On the next afternoon the teachers from one end of the county to the other will assemble at the courthouse for their Christmas money.

Bills have been advanced for by the Board of Varina District for a driver for the special wagon to carry children to the school. The bills will be opened at the first meeting of the board after the new year. It is expected that the wagon will be started by February 1st.

Gans-Rady Company's Stock

Open Till 7 o'Clock This Evening

Offers those advantages of selection that men of discriminating taste appreciate. Nothing ordinary either in Styles or Fabrics.

If you have any Christmas orders to give let the recipient have the advantage of a stock like ours.

Full Dress and Tuxedo Suits, English Walking Suits, Overcoats, Cravenette Raincoats, Fancy Vests, Knox Hats, and the best of Furnishings are here ready for prompt delivery.

Gans-Rady Company

PROSECUTING OFFICER HUBARD ROBBED AFTER LEAVING THEATRE

WIRED FATHER FOR CONSENT TO MARRY

James Hartman, Now in Missouri, Only Eighteen, and Parental Approval Must Be Secured.

Desperately in love, it seems, and anxious to be married as soon as possible, James Hartman, of St. Joseph, Mo., yesterday telegraphed his father, John H. Hartman, of No. 620 South First Street, for the latter's consent to his marriage to Miss Lilly Collins Trent, and for his deposited oath as to the consent and as to his being eighteen years of age. The parent received the telegram in some surprise, but deciding to lose no time, telegraphed back that the deposition would be forthcoming by mail as soon as he could swear to it.

Last night he appeared before Squire J. A. Purdie, of No. 402 West Marshall Street, and explained his troubles. Squire Purdie is also a notary public, and in a few minutes he had hammered out a typewritten deposition, and it was duly sworn to by Mr. Hartman, senior.

The statement will be mailed to the anxious lover early this morning, and the knot will be tied immediately upon its arrival. All the other arrangements have been made.

James Hartman is a member of the American Salvation Army, and has recently been elected a lieutenant in the St. Joseph Command. His sweetheart is a member of the same command. They met a few months ago, and the friendship between them soon ripened into the more lasting feeling. Then came the telegram. In Missouri law, it seems, a youth of eighteen may not wed without his father's consent, even though he be a member of a Salvation Army. Youth never stops to think of the obstacles that may be placed in its way, but goes ahead with the firm belief that love will have its way. It will win out, experience teaches, in the long run, but all obstacles must necessarily be surmounted. In this case the only obstacle was the lack of years, and that was quickly obviated by the father's sworn consent.

Young Hartman, it is said, was formerly with Captain Fowler here, but afterwards joined the American Salvation Army, and, with them, went to St. Joseph. Mr. Hartman, senior, expects the happy couple to visit their home soon after the wedding. He is anxious to gaze upon the face of his new-found daughter.

Supervisors Meet To-Morrow.
An adjourned meeting of the Henrico County Board of Supervisors will be held at the courthouse to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock. Nothing of importance, except to such county employees as will be paid off, will take place at the meeting.

Prominent Visitors.
Among the prominent visitors in the city last night were former Congressman Julian M. Quarles, of Staunton, Judge E. M. Fulton, of Wise, and Mr. A. A. Campbell, of Wythe.

CHILDREN URGE GOVERNOR TO PARDON SANTA CLAUS

Delegation of Little Folk Swarm Around Capitol, Their Hearts Being Made Glad by News That Reindeer Man Was Set Free.

Having heard that Santa Claus was arrested Saturday night, and fearing that he would not visit them Christmas Eve night, a small body of children in Richmond rose up in arms yesterday, and in two delegations, marched forth to see if the matter could be remedied. One delegation called upon Governor Swanson; the other came down to The Times-Dispatch, in which news of the tremendous disaster and the threatened blighting of their hopes had been printed. They were an angry and anxious lot. Their faces were pictures of hopeless misery, for the child without hope is like a king without a kingdom.

"Please, sir," they asked the man who sits on the high seat, "is it true that Santa is locked up?" The frown disappeared from his brow, and for once in his life he looked pleasant. "The old man was arrested," he acknowledged, "but it was only a slight affair, and I am able to assure you that he will go on his accustomed rounds next Thursday night. Fact is, the old gentleman informed me that he was very well pleased with the way in which the Richmond children have behaved themselves during the past twelve months, and he showed me the greatest quantity of toys he has saved especially for you." They sighed with relief.

"Thank you, sir," they said, and trailed off to the office.

The other delegation strode towards the Capitol, my look here, Governor, they said to the elevator man, "can't you help us get Santa Claus out of jail. He's been arrested, and we ain't going to get any toys if you don't let him out." He stared at them.

"Oh, yes, yes, yes, to be sure, I'll see Mr. Ben Owen right away. I'm sure he will fix it for you. Leaveways, I know he will. He's a great friend of old Santa." Then he shook his head, and ran up the elevator to see Mr. Owen.

The children ran out happy, making the gloom of old Capitol resound like a nursery.

Comfort may be brought to their hearts, for The Times-Dispatch is glad to announce that the old gentleman was dismissed by Justice Grutchfield yesterday morning. The One John once had a stocking, and he could not bear to see the children disappointed.

Fulton Buys Miss Christmas.
W. K. Snoddy, said to be implicated with Harry Poyne and Bernard Meyer in stealing brasses from the Chesapeake Company and lead from the Kentucky Tobacco Works, was arrested Sunday night by the city police. Yesterday morning he was brought to the county jail, where he will wait with his companions until the case goes before Magistrate Lewis Saturday morning.

Traveling Libraries Supplied.
The following places in the State have been supplied with traveling libraries from the State Library during the past two weeks: Mr. Jackson, Shenandoah county; New Kent Literary Society, New Kent county; Wakefield, Sussex county; Holly Neck, Nansemond county; Daysville, Loudoun county; Wytheville Literary Club, Wythe county; Grady School, Pittsylvania county; Clifton Forge High School, Woman's Christian Association, Richmond; Greenwood, Albemarle county; Newmarket, Culpeper county.

Halted Near Memorial by Strange Man, Who Took Watch and Ran Away.

TOO ILL TO TAKE UP CHASE

Had Recently Left Hospital, This Being Second Time He Was Held Up in Street.

Halted last night between Memorial Hospital and the Beattie boarding-house on Governor Street and asked for the time, Commonwealth's Attorney E. W. Hubbard, of Buckingham county, was robbed of a gold watch, valued at \$100.

Mr. Hubbard has been a patient at the Memorial for two weeks, and has undergone two operations. Last night he went to the Beattie Theatre, but, becoming tired of the play, sprang away, decided to return to his lodging place. He had passed the hospital, and was only about fifteen paces from the front gate of the Beattie house when a well-dressed stranger approached him, and asked for the time.

Grabbed Watch and Ran.
The lawyer, who is well known in both Richmond and his native county, was somewhat suspicious at first, and hesitated to draw out his timepiece. But the stranger was so suave and attractively dressed that Mr. Hubbard not withstanding his apprehensions, decided to return to his lodging place.

The stranger lunged forward, snatched it from the chain, and ran. Weak from his long illness and from two operations, Mr. Hubbard could do nothing. "Stop thief!" he cried, and started after the fugitive, but the latter, apparently a youth, was soon lost in the darkness. Seeing that the chase was hopeless, Mr. Hubbard went into Ford's Hotel, and from there notified Detective-Sergeant Wiltshire, who immediately went out on the case. The attorney sat in a chair, rather exhausted from the chase, and told of the robbery. The detective promised to do all he could, and he may land the watch and the man to-day.

Mr. Hubbard is still being treated at the Memorial, and it will be some days before he will be able to return to Buckingham. This is the second time he has been robbed in Richmond. About seven months ago he was standing on a corner on Eleventh Street, when two men approached him. They engaged in conversation, and before he could realize it one of them ran his hand down in the lawyer's pocket and snatched out \$11 and a handsome watch. The latter attorney recovered the next day in a pawnshop. The pawnbroker, said Mr. Hubbard, evidently knew the thieves, but advised that the case be not prosecuted, because it might hurt his trade. Nothing more was said of the robbery, and the matter was passed by unnoticed.

It is regarded as peculiarly significant that the pawnbroker unquestionably knew the thieves and then refused to help in the case. Mr. Hubbard, it will be recalled, took an active part in the campaign against the Zimmerman-Thomas gang of outlaws, who operated in his county about two months ago.

CHRISTMAS ROBBERIES

Hallway Thieves Taking Advantage of Unlocked Doors and Absence of Families.
Unconscionable negro thieves are making a harvest during the days preceding Christmas, and robberies of all sorts seem daily to become more numerous. It is the Christmas season, and the crowds shopping on the streets and the vacant homes give ample opportunity to the thieves.

The lawless crew of Mr. Ryan, of No. 15 West Marshall Street, was captured last night yesterday, and the Ryan found themselves the losers by \$7. The house was practically ransacked, but the thief was evidently after money. No traces of him were left. The matter was reported to the police.

Early last night some one placed a ladder against a window in the rear of the house at No. 715 East Clay Street, but was frightened off before he could gain entrance. The ladder was left standing against the window, but there was absolutely no clue to the would-be housebreaker. Nothing was stolen, however, and it does not make much difference in this case, except as a commentary on the other. The police were successful in landing one suspect last week in the person of Josh Lynch, colored, who was wanted for hallway robberies.

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FINDS UNCLEAN BAKERIES, BUT CAN'T TURN HAND TO MAKE THEM CLEAN

Doherty's Department Not Permitted to Protect Public by Exposing Them.

DOGS EVEN HOUSED IN ONE

Mysterious Report Throws Suspicion on All, Document, However, Being Worthless.

There is, however, no intimation that the bad places will be made clean; there is nothing to indicate that the commissioner can order them closed, which means, in a word, that the report can have no value or effect in any effort to demand clean bread.

Much consideration is given to the subject of bakeries in the eleventh annual report of Labor Commissioner James B. Doherty, which was made public yesterday, conditions in nearly all those inspected being sharply criticized.

The commissioner reports on forty-nine of these establishments, and declares that they are in seven cities, though neither the locations nor the names of the proprietors are given, as the laws governing the department require that this information shall be withheld from the public. This feature of the report is based upon inspections made by special agents of the department, and in some instances the descriptions given are highly repulsive.

Here is the report on one where conditions were found to be extremely bad:

"Employs four white. Size of bakery 60x30, 12 foot pitch. Light and ventilation had appliances filthy to the last degree; floors covered with dirt and refuse; papers and egg shells scattered everywhere; dogs housed and old harness stored in baking room; in fine, this plant should be cleaned or suppressed, as in its present form it is a certain propagator of disease."

Other bad places.

Here are some other criticisms of bakeries, taken from the report, which show bad conditions:

Employs four colored. Size of bakery 25x14, fourteen foot pitch. Light and ventilation had; tobacco, juice, and refuse on floor; employees extremely untidy; pumps and sinks in bake room filthy in short, every feature of the plant suggests spread of disease, and the conditions should not be allowed to continue.

Two shifts. Employs one white, two colored. Size of bakery 20x30, ten foot pitch. Light and ventilation very bad; floor covered with refuse and tobacco juice, and extremely filthy; appliances and clothing of employees execrable; fruit kept in this one, and in conformity with the statutes, inspections were made of forty-nine bakeries in seven cities and towns of the Commonwealth, while in the general discharge of the duties of factory inspection, and in order to show the condition existing in such bakeries at the time of inspection, there is appended excerpts from the detailed report of the inspector for the information of the General Assembly and the public at large."

Powers Are Limited.
It will be seen from the above that the Labor Commissioner's duties do not extend further than to make inspections and show conditions existing in the bakeries.

The remainder of the volume, which contains 275 pages, is devoted almost exclusively to statistical data, showing the number of employees in various manufacturing establishments, the capital invested, the scale of wages paid, etc.

On the question of violations of the child-labor laws, the report says:

"Inspection report gave a total of violations of the child-labor law of thirty-seven individual cases, distributed between nineteen several plants. Among those under twelve were found five seven years old, two eight, seven nine, nine ten and seventeen eleven years old. In each instance, when the attention of the employer was directed to the fact that the statute was being violated, the remedy was applied, and children under required age refused employment."

Other items in the report are extracts from the State laws with reference to labor and recent decisions of courts on the subject.

While traveling between New York and this city, Miss Rosa Cooley, of St. Helena, S. C., who spent last night at the Jefferson Hotel, was robbed of quite a large sum of money yesterday. She said last night that during the day she had ridden on four or five rail-way lines, and that she had no idea which was responsible for the loss. At all events, it is understood that when she reached the Jefferson last night she found herself practically out of money, and had to communicate with friends here to show that her check would pass muster.

To a "Times-Dispatch" reporter Miss Cooley had nothing to say except that she had been robbed, but that the amount was comparatively small.

"The money," she said, "might have been stolen before I reached Old Point. It is not enough to bother about, however, it is not enough to name the amount, and I do not care to name the amount, or have any report made of the incident."

It seems that Miss Cooley had intended to go through to St. Helena last night, but having been relieved of her cash, she thought it better to wait over here, where she had friends. Her relatives in South Carolina were notified that she had been delayed.

Telegraph Company Wins.
In the law suit between the company and a verdict for the defendant was rendered in the suit of McComb and Block against the Western Union Telegraph Company, which has been on trial for several days.

Virginians in Philadelphia.
S. B. Rhodes, of Richmond, and William L. Hammer, of Lynchburg, were registered at the New Bingham Hotel, Philadelphia, yesterday.

Teddy Bear to Tall Timber; Doll is Queen of Toyland.
Insurrection at Belvidere Hall, Dolls' Revolt Showing That Strenuous Plaything Is Clumsy, Unlovable and a Delusion and Snare.

After an hour's insurrection in toyland last night in Belvidere Hall, it was decided that the Teddy bears will have to take to the tall timber and leave a free field to the dolls hereafter. This insurrection was made apparent to human eyes through the "Dolls' Revolt," a two-act drama in toyland, was presented by J. W. Church, which was presented by the primary voice class of the Westminster School, with assistance from the students of the upper school, under the direction of Miss Helen Stockell. The drama is unique in its plot, offering a pleasing contrast to the usual Christmas play; Santa Claus and Fairy Queen appear as characters to give the always necessary Christmas touch. Added interest was given to the presentation last night from the fact that the authors, Mr. and Mrs. Church, are residents of Richmond. The children who took part showed the interest throughout that is the result of careful training, and were especially pleasing in the songs and dance, in which the bears were characteristically clumsy. All and at times made the contest between the dolls and the bears an uncertain one.

The synopsis of the play is as follows: Synopsis: Act I.—In toyland a dispute arises between the dolls and the Teddy bears as to which has the best right to the love of the human child on earth. They call in the Fairy Queen to decide. She does not succeed in settling it, so Santa Claus comes in and declares that it must be left to the human child.

Act II.—The human child lays a trap to catch Santa Claus and the Fairy Queen, and Santa Claus tells the child that the question must be decided by her, and no one else. So the child, after a little hesitation, decides that she loves the doller best, and the Teddy bears, who really prefer the woods and toyland, go back to stay with their mother, the really truly bear.

Following is the cast: Dolls—French Doll, Elizabeth Coates; Baby Doll, Mildred Williams; Dinah, the Nigger Doll, Marian Lecky; Twin Dolls, Margaret Taylor and May Mayo; other dolls—Bessie Anderson, Lavinia Anderson, Martha Alsop, Francis McFadden, Lucy Irving, Ellen and Elizabeth Danes, Helen Purdie, Janie Kellogg, Frances Jordan.

Fairies—Fairy Queen, Miss Helen Stockell; other fairies—Elizabeth Buchanan, Elizabeth Brockenbrough, Esther Wilson, Edith Shelton, Ann Shelton, Elizabeth Watkins, Katherine Lee.

Teddy Bears—Teddy R. Alfred Jenkins; Teddy G. Frank McFadden; other bears—Willson, Rosenegk, Wood, Kellogg, Garclie, Watkins, Rennie, Knomes—Rhonda Delrick, Alice Jones, Drummond Jones, Nannie Campbell, Lee Williams.

The Human Child—Louise Euker. Santa Claus—Mr. Mauners.